



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Masaharu SAITO et al.
Title: VALVE TIMING CONTROL SYSTEM FOR INTERNAL
COMBUSTION ENGINE
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REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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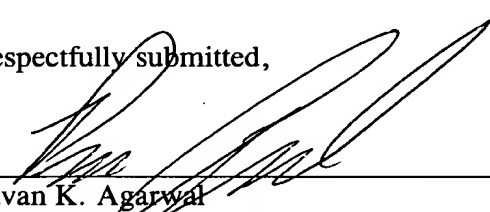
Sir:

This is in reply to the Office Action mailed March 14, 2003. Applicants hereby elect the Species of Figures 7-10 for prosecution. Claims 1-4, 7, 8, and 11-18 are readable on the elected species. Further claims 1-4, 7, 11, 12-16, 17, and 18 are generic. Applicant, of course, reserves the right to have other claims considered upon allowance of the elected claims, as appropriate, or file one or more divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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